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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJ: BRITISH APPROACH TO SHAH ON NAMIBIA

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1. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF AUDIENCE WITH SHAH SCHEDULED  
FOR APRIL 8, BRITISH AMBASSADOR PARSONS MADE APPROACH MENTIONED  
REFTELS. BRITISH BRIEFED US ON IT APRIL 9.

2. PARSONS TOOK LINE THAT SHAH SHOULD URGE SOUTH AFRICANS TO  
BE REASONABLE WHEN FIVE POWER PROPOSALS (OF WHICH HE GAVE THE

SHAH A COPY) IS PUT TO THEM SO AS TO AVOID SITUATION DETERIORATING TO POINT THAT SOME SORT OF SANCTIONS RESOLUTION AGAINST NAMIBIA REGIME MIGHT BECOME ONLY ALTERNATIVE. SHAH IMMEDIATELY GRASPED THE POINT. HE SAID HE WOULD CONSULT WITH SOUTH AFRICAN REP (CONSUL GENERAL) HERE AS TO BEST METHOD HE SHOULD USE, EITHER A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM HIMSELF, OR A SOUTH AFRICAN ENVOY BEING SENT TO TEHRAN TO DISCUSS THE MATTER. SHAH NOTED THAT FONMIN BOTHA HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN VISITING IRAN, BUT SINCE THERE ARE NO IMMEDIATE PLANS FOR SUCH A VISIT HE AGREED WITH PARSONS' SUGGESTION THAT A FASTER METHOD BE USED.

3. SHAH INDICATED HE WOULD USE TWO RELATED LINES OF ARGUMENT WITH SOUTH AFRICANS. HE WOULD URGE THAT IN VIEW OF THEIR APPARENT PREPARATIONS TO LEAVE NAMIBIA THEY DO SO GRACEFULLY AND IN A MANNER TO GAIN CREDIT RATHER THAN HAVING TO BE PUSHED OUT. HE WOULD ALSO URGE THAT SOUTH AFRICANS DEMONSTRATE COOPERATIVENESS, SO THAT THEY WILL NOT BE BLAMED SHOULD PROPOSAL FAIL.

4. SHAH INQUIRED ABOUT THE STATUS OF WALVIS BAY AND WAS TOLD THIS STILL REMAINED TO BE SETTLED. THERE WAS A GENERALIZED HISTORICAL DISCUSSION OF ENCLAVES SUCH AS HONG KONG, TANGIER, AND PONDICHERRY WITH BOTH MEN APPEARING TO CONCLUDE THAT, WHILE ENCLAVES WERE A BIG THING IN THE PAST, IN THIS DAY AND AGE AN ENCLAVE SUCH AS WALVIS BAY WOULD PROBABLY END UP

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BEING INTEGRATED INTO NAMIBIA.

5. IN THE ABSENCE OF SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS, I DID NOT RAISE THIS SUBJECT WHEN I SAW THE SHAH APRIL 9 ON OTHER BUSINESS. POINTS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN ADEQUATELY MADE BY BRITISH, HOWEVER, AND THERE WOULD APPEAR NO NEED FOR US TO FOLLOW UP AT THIS TIME. SULLIVAN

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